

REMARKS

Claims 73-77 remain in the subject application with claim 73 in independent form.

Claims 64-72 are cancelled and claims 1-63 have been previously cancelled.

Claim 70 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

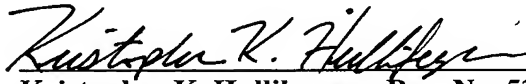
Applicant submits new independent claim 73 that is directed toward a supporting device. The supporting device includes a base having a front rail and a rear rail extending between a first end and a second end and being collapsible between a transport position and a support position. A wheel mechanism is connected to one of the ends and is moveable between a rolling position and a working position. The wheel mechanism extends substantially parallel to the base when in the transport position and the wheel mechanism extends substantially perpendicular to the base when in the support position. A pivot couples the wheel mechanism and the base and allows the wheel mechanism to pivot between the rolling position and the working position. A wheel brace is supported by the wheel mechanism and defines slots having a generally U-shape for receiving the front rail and the rear rail. A locking device engages the slots of the wheel brace for securing the wheel mechanism to the front and rear rails. The locking device locks the wheel mechanism in the rolling position when engaged and releases the wheel mechanism into the working position when disengaged.

In summary, it is respectfully requested that this §116 amendment be admitted because the Applicant merely accepted the allowed claims from the previous Office Action and there are no new issues being presented. It is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in a condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted

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